

Bridgton. March 24. 1842.

My dear Mr May

It is long, very long, since
we have exchanged letters. No fault
I am sure is mine. But I have
the excuse of being troubled about
many things, like Martha of old,
and having an opportunity of hearing
from you often, through Mr Collins,
I have not felt that there has been
the same necessity for corresponding
personally. You will I am sure
give me the credit of believing that my
sympathy ^{with you} has not in the least abated,
and that I look with the deepest interest

on your many labours, and the
untiring efforts of the noble band of
men and women with whom you are
united, for the fettered slave.

In this letter ^{is received by} ~~carries~~ you, the in-
telligence of what is passing in Europe,
will have reached your shores. During
the last few weeks, we have been
~~literally~~ ^{literally} astounded by the rapidity with
which the nations of Europe, one after
another, have arisen to cast off the
degradation and oppression under which
they have groined. And the end is
not yet! God grant that the people may
be kept from receding which ~~would~~ stain
the sacred cause of liberty, as in the
first French Revolution. Of course
America will rejoice greatly that France

has got rid of her perfidious King; that
Prussia has put down her military des-
potism; that Austria has made her
feel, and quail before, the power of the
people; and that the Italian States will
probably soon manfully assert their
rights. But until they shall learn
to do justly at home, their republican
institutions will only serve to make
^{towards the blacks, the colored people,}
~~the~~ conduct of your people, appear
more inconsistent and wicked, in the
eye of reason and religion. I am glad to
see the stand you have made against
the Mexican War, and that you raise
your voice against Mexican anti-
slavery in all its forms. I am sure
that this course of conduct & policy
Christianity requires.

There appears to me to be a rapid

movement, in the right direction, going
forward among our Unitarian brethren,
on your side of the water. They are many
of them men of great power, and it will
be a great thing to see that power wisely
and faithfully used. Theodore Parker is a
remarkable man. I disagree with
him in many of his Theological and
Religious principles and speculations.
But I cheerfully acknowledge that
in his efforts to bring about moral
reform, he is acting in entire accordance
with the mind of Christ.

Our churches in England are now
very much divided on the subject of the
origin and authority of Christianity, and
although our ministers still unite in
the promotion of denominational objects, there
is still not that entire harmony which
is essential to our acting with great effect

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upon the public mind. I am sure
that it should be so, but suppose it is
one of the necessary results of entire
freedom of thought in connection with
Religion. But whatever may be the
result as far as regards our body, we
need not fear for truth. God will take
care of its interests.

Will you be good enough to order for
me the Christian Register! I should like
them from the beginning of this year. And
if you will be good enough to pay for them
in advance, as I believe it is required, I
will send you the money. There was
forwarded our Antislavery box for the
Fair. Give my kind regards, ^{to your brother,} to Mrs
Chapman, to the Senior, & to Mr
Wendell Phillips, and believe me
most faithfully & affectionately
yours
A. A. May - William James -

Recd. April 19.

Rev. Samuel May
 Anti-Slavery Office
 21 Cornhill
 Boston -

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